

DIARY NOTES

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At 10:00 A.M. this morning, we appeared before the House Appropriations Subcommittee at the Chairman's request. Messrs. Cannon, Taber, Mahon and Ford were present; the CIA contingent consisted of Mr. McCone, General Carter, Messrs. Amory, Helms, Scoville, White, [REDACTED]

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1. Apparently, the Chairman had become quite irritated at reading in the newspapers shortly after our last appearance before the Subcommittee information almost identical to that which was given him as highly classified. He delivered a good ten-minute oration expressing his displeasure. (The Director seemed to know what he was talking about; no one else did, and I assume that it was the newspaper report on the Gary Powers Case.)

2. At any rate, after having admonished the Director quite severely, the Chairman went through our "House Office Notes" page by page and asked rather penetrating questions about each; in fact, I would say that this was by all odds the closest thing to a real budget hearing we have had in several years. The Chairman wanted all sorts of explanations, most of which we were able to give. We are obligated, however, to send up to him an explanation of our cold war increase and an explanation of the "other" section of the Political and Psychological Pie Chart.

3. In the final analysis, I believe that it was a question of whether they would allow us the full amount as requested or reduce our regular operating budget by \$19 million and increase our Reserve by this same amount. The Director urged the Committee to reconsider this position. (We do not yet know the outcome.)

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